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obtaining grazing for their cattle the Government ordered that as an experiment the area may be thrown open for grazing for two to two months and a half during the monsoon season. Orders have since been issued declaring 1,474·24 acres of the vacant area as a reserve forest.

(e) A copy of the G.O. No. 266, Development, dated 19th February 1935, is placed on the table.[a]

Representations for permits to graze goats in the Reserved and Panchayat Forests in Salem.

* 635 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations have been received by the Government from the Salem district for allowing goats, at least to a certain extent, in reserved forests as well as panchayat forests for grazing purposes;

(*b*) what action has been taken on them;

(*c*) what remarks did the Chief Conservator of Forests make on this question; and

(*d*) whether a copy of them will be placed on the table?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A report has been called for from the Chief Conservator of Forests.

(*c*) The Chief Conservator's remarks have not yet been received.

(*d*) Does not arise.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" May I ask, Sir, whether the Hon. the Law Member is aware that there are a number of panchayat forests where there are no growths of any valuable trees at all and yet there is the restriction in allowing goats to graze in those areas? "

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—" The goat is a very mischievous little animal, Sir."

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" When there are no valuable trees in the area, what is the mischief to be caused by goats in those areas? "

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—" It destroys any growing tree."

Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I know why there is such a long delay on the part of the Chief Conservator of Forests in forwarding his remarks on this question? "

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—" Rush of work perhaps, Sir."

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Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar :—" In view of the fact that there are loud complaints that these panchayat forests are not allowed to be used by the villagers, may I request the Hon. the Law Member to issue orders immediately? "

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu :—" I do not think I shall at once answer that question."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ACTS ASSENTED TO BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

* The Hon. the President :—" I have to announce that the under-mentioned Acts received the assent of His Excellency the Governor on the dates mentioned against each :—

(1) The Madras Estates Land (Amendment) Act, 1935 ... ... 26th November 1935.

(2) The Madras Irrigation Cess and Land Encroachment (Amendment) Act ... 6th December 1935

(3) The Indian Registration (Madras Amendment) Act, 1935 ... ... 6th December 1935.

(4) The Madras Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Act, 1935 ... ... 7th December 1935.

III.—AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS.

* The Hon. the President :—" The first item in the agenda is a motion by the Hon. the Leader of the House to amend Standing Orders Nos. 28, 30 and 55. Under Standing Order No. 77, I have now to read the draft amendments and ask whether the Hon. Member has the leave of the House. The amendments have been circulated to the Hon. Members of this House and are also printed in the agenda. They are as follows :—

Standing Order No. 28.

' (1) *For* clause (1) of Standing Order No. 28, *substitute* the following clause, namely :—

" (1) A matter requiring the decision of the Council is brought forward by means of a question put by the President on a motion proposed by one member and seconded by another; and a motion which is not seconded shall not be discussed nor shall any question be put on it :

Provided that a motion need not be seconded in the following cases, namely :—

(*a*) if the motion is one which is moved by a member of the Government, or